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Application Number	09/502,126
Filing Date	February 10, 2000
Examiner Name	Karla A. Moore
First Named Inventor	Ponnekanti, Hari et al.
Art Unit	1763
Attorney Docket Number	A4142/T40300

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$)	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims	Fees from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	32	-61** = 0	X\$18	= \$0
Independent Claims	2	-4** = 0	X\$84	= \$0
Multiple Dependent			X	

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
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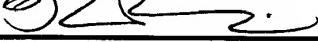
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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath			
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet			
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification			
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination			
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	110		
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month			
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month			
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month			
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month			
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal			
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing			
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive – unavoidable			
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive – unintentional			
1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
1502 470	2502 235	Design issue fee			
1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee			
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
1807 50	1807 50	Petitions related to provisional applications			
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
1809 750	2809 375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))			
1810 750	2810 375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))			
1801 750	2801 375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	750		
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application			
Other fee (specify) _____					
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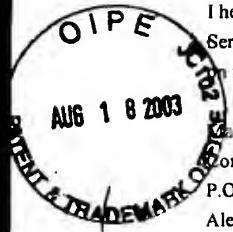
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In re application of:

HARI PONNEKANTI et al.

Application No.: 09/502,126

Filed: February 10, 2000

For: A PROCESS AND AN
INTEGRATED TOOL FOR LOW
K DIELECTRIC DEPOSITION
INCLUDING A PECVD
CAPPING MODULE

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 4779

Examiner: Karla A. Moore

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1763

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In conjunction with filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one month extension of time to file this amendment and RCE is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.